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Applicant(s) : Tim Bast et al.
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant does not agree with the reasons for allowance as provided in the Notice of Allowance mailed on February 25, 2005. The reasons for allowance are not agreed with to the extent that they suggest that the cases cited therein require a showing of clear and convincing evidence for a rejection to be properly made in prosecution. Nevertheless, it is agreed that the scope of the claims would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art and that a contrary showing has not been made. In addition, the office has failed to provide any showing that the claimed invention is anticipated or

obvious in light of the teachings of the prior art. Therefore, the pending claims are properly allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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